



GUINEA

Ebola

Situation Report

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HIGHLIGHTS

- The total number of confirmed cases of Ebola rose to 3,068 this week, according to WHO's Epidemiological Situation Report. The total number of confirmed, suspected and probable cases climbed to 3,492. The number of confirmed deaths from Ebola rose to 1,900, with a total of 2,314 confirmed, suspected and probable deaths.
- On 28 March 2015, Guinea's president unveiled a 45-day plan containing 10 specific initiatives to end Ebola.
- Six thousand young people and members of the Scouts continued their sensitization efforts via door-to-door visits, film nights and social gatherings, including a campfire sensitization with imams and other religious leaders in Coyah.
- UNICEF and partners this week distributed 23,469 household WASH kits bringing the total number of beneficiaries in Ebola-affected areas to 1.6 million people. The WASH team also helped put in place measures to protect the population in the case of a potential cholera outbreak.
- Providing support to the 715 children identified last week who have lost one of both parents due to Ebola remained a top priority. A total of 5,457 orphans have been registered.
- Social mobilizers sensitized 37,472 people in Ebola-affected areas.
- UNICEF received 1.5 million emergency doses of the measles vaccine for the upcoming vaccination campaign.

SITUATION IN NUMBERS

As of 30 MARCH 2015

3,492

Cases of Ebola (3,068 confirmed)

2,314

Deaths (1,900 confirmed)

589

Cases among children 0-17 (confirmed)

346

Deaths of children and youth aged 0-17 (confirmed)

4,105,926

Children in affected areas

186

Cases among health workers with 94 deaths (confirmed)

USD 93,514,000

UNICEF funding needs until June 2015

USD 9,272,018

UNICEF funding gap (9%)

Leadership and Coordination

- On 28 March 2015, Guinea's President Alpha Condé unveiled a 45-day "Emergency Health Plan" which includes 10 specific initiatives to stop the transmission of Ebola and ending the outbreak.
- A multi-agency task force is currently working with the National Coordination for the Ebola Response to prepare and implement this "Emergency Health Plan".
- UNICEF and partners will deploy their Community Watch Committees (CWC) and community volunteers to take an active role in this exercise.
- UNICEF is poised to provide other assistance for this 45-day plan which may include supplying soap and other hygiene materials in addition to a whole range of communication-support activities.

WASH

- Prevention remains a key element of the national Ebola response. To this end, UNICEF and partners distributed 23,469 household WASH kits (bucket with tap and soaps) benefitting 164,283 people in affected areas. This brings the total number of household WASH kits distributed to 228,517 and the total number of UNICEF beneficiaries to 1,599,619.
- UNICEF, in partnership with Action Contre la Faim (ACF), continued to promote hygiene in the prefecture of Forécariah, which remains an Ebola hotspot, and distributed 3,223 household WASH kits. This brings the total number of household WASH kits distributed by UNICEF and ACF in the prefecture to 9,150.
- UNICEF has prepositioned 30,000 household WASH kits in the region of Nzérékoré. PRIDE, a partner NGO, distributed 380 of those kits this week in the prefecture of Lola, bringing the total number of kits distributed in the prefecture to 13,784.

UNICEF, in partnership with the Groupe Organisé des Hommes d'Affaires (GOHA), Guinea's largest association of private businessmen, distributed 960 household WASH kits in the border areas of the Nzérékoré region.

- UNICEF, in partnership with the Guinean Scouts, distributed 1,640 household WASH kits in Coyah and Forécariah. This brings the total number of household WASH kits distributed in Ebola hotspots by UNICEF and the Scouts to 13,090. The Scouts are also working diligently in areas resistant to Ebola by messaging and sensitizing the local population, and promoting good hygiene.
- UNICEF, in partnership with RTI StopPalu, distributed 9,266 household WASH kits in the urban commune of Coyah this week. This brings the total number of household WASH kits distributed in Ebola hotspots by UNICEF and RTI StopPalu to 32,176 kits.
- UNICEF, in partnership with CWCs and community volunteers, distributed 8,000 household WASH kits in Boffa.
- To prepare for any potential cholera outbreak (generally coinciding with the rainy season), UNICEF is providing support to the Ministry of Health's "Sword and Shield" approach to both preventing and combatting the disease. As such, UNICEF has prepositioned 105,000 bottles of chlorine with "sentinels" in 11 areas who are on guard for the first sign of any cholera outbreak.

Health

Ebola-related activities

- UNICEF has for some time been working with young people from the Centre d'Ecoute, Conseil et Orientation des Jeunes (CECOJE) to set up a Youth and Adolescent HIV Prevention platform. In addition to carrying out HIV sensitization, these young people are now also carrying out Ebola sensitization in their communities in Kindia, Dubréka and Forécariah, and distributing soap and chlorine.
- UNICEF and partners provided initial training to 15 prefectural trainers on the integrated management of new-born and infant illnesses in the context of Ebola.
- UNICEF and partners trained 40 community health workers from Dubréka and 27 from Coyah on the integrated management of new-born and infant illnesses in the context of Ebola. They were provided with drugs to prevent malaria and to treat pneumonia and diarrhea.

Measles

- The number of suspected cases of measles in Guinea continues to increase. During the week 23 to 29 March 2015, 203 new suspected cases were reported, bringing the total number of suspected cases since 1 January 2015 to 843, including 55 confirmed cases.
- UNICEF and the Ministry of Health completed two measles vaccination campaigns in Gaoual and in Koundara in February 2015. They are planning to extend the measles campaign to 13 other health districts, targetting 1.3 million children.

Early Recovery Plan

- As part of the Early Recovery Plan for the health sector, UNICEF staff and a national team started conducting surveys of 18 health centers in six prefectures in Nzérékoré to assess how they can be rehabilitated.

Nutrition

Ebola-related activities

- UNICEF and partners provided specific nutrition support to 1,300 infants and young children who have lost one or both parents due to Ebola, children in foster care and children in care centers.
- The Nutrition and Food Security Cluster is working on two nutrition surveys. The first, at planning stage, is the SMART survey to obtain national data on nutrition status of children in Guinea; the most recent official figures are from 2012. Nevertheless, such a survey cannot be done if the Ebola outbreak persists so while the project is scheduled to start in June 2015, a date cannot be confirmed. Secondly, the Cluster is also working on harmonizing the KAP (Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices) surveys relating to nutrition. Several UNICEF partners will do such studies in the near future, and UNICEF is making sure their indicators meet national IMAM (Integrated Management of Acute Malnutrition) standards to ensure that the information collected is comparable.

Other activities

- The fortnightly Nutrition and Food Security Cluster meeting was held on 26 March 2015. During the meeting, the four working groups – nutrition and food security surveys, malnutrition protocols, cash transfers and food security – updated the participants on their work in progress.

Communication for Development (C4D)

Coordination

- UNICEF continued to work with the recently-established social mobilization hubs – or “partner platforms” – at the heart of each commune, intended to encourage on-the-ground cooperation and partnerships for better implementation of the accelerated plan to end Ebola. The newest reinforcements, as of this week, are 130 social mobilization task force teams in every neighbourhood of Conakry.
- UNICEF participated in a cross-border meeting on the Ebola response which included Ministry of Youth and Youth Employment representatives, international agencies and local NGOs. The Guinea and Sierra Leonean authorities pledged to strengthen cross-border supervision, especially at border crossing points in Forécariah.
- C4D also provided extensive supportive supervision to CWCs around the country.

Social Mobilization

- C4D coordinators and social mobilizers reached 37,472 people this week, sensitizing them about Ebola.
- A total of 181 religious leaders around the country sensitized their congregations about the disease.

Radio stations

- Rural Radio Siguiri, Milo FM and FM Djoliba made a joint broadcast about the role of social mobilizers in the Ebola response.
- Rural Radio Forécariah broadcast nine public awareness programmes concerning the Ebola response.

Child Protection

- UNICEF's child protection team intensified its efforts this week in the worst-hit areas of Guinea (Conakry and surrounding prefectures) where the accelerated campaign to end Ebola is under way. As part of this, the team has put in place a plan of action that includes rapid identification of children who have lost one of both parents due to Ebola, the reinforcement of community-based protection structures and cash transfers to those providing care to Ebola orphans. Geographical coverage has also been expanded.
- The first meeting of the Child Protection Sub-Cluster at prefectural level was held this week in Forécariah under the leadership of the National Directorate of Children's Affairs.
- Providing support to the 715 registered children who have lost one of both parents due to Ebola last week remains a top priority. The total number of these children remains at 5,457, or 91 per cent of the target caseload of 6,000.
- Community volunteers and social workers organized 184 community dialogue sessions nationwide. They conducted 1,584 follow-up visits to the homes of those caring for children who have lost one of both parents due to Ebola and organized 401 psychosocial support sessions for 4,028 children that had not previously been reached, bringing the total number of children who have benefited so far to 64,428 – which is 54 per cent of the 120,000 targeted.
- A total of 19 new Community Councils for the Protection of Children (CVPE) were set up and their members trained, bringing the total number of active CVPE to 464 out of the 500 planned.
- UNICEF partners continued the distribution of 10,000 family kits (containing hygiene materials, recreation materials and clothes). This week, these kits were distributed to 960 families caring for children who have lost one of both parents due to Ebola. Partners also distributed 909 school kits (containing school stationery and a schoolbag) to school-aged orphaned children.
- The caregivers of 1,699 orphaned children received cash transfers in Macenta and Guéckédou.

Education

- The seven schools that remained closed due to community resistance after the general 19 January 2015 national reopening of schools are now struggling to find teachers even though the community is ready to reopen the facilities. Due to a national shortage of government teachers, the staff were relocated when the schools did not reopen and there are currently no teachers available to take their place.
- There were no cases or suspected cases of Ebola among students, teachers or administrators. Neither were there any contacts identified.

The Government of Guinea has started a process to assess the curricula of the schools that remained closed after 19 January 2015. Their timetables were sent to the General Inspection Branch of the Ministry of Education to calculate lost hours and develop an appropriate catch-up schedule.

Supply and Logistics

- The Supply and Logistics team supported the distribution of 8,000 household WASH kits in Boffa and transfer of 8,500 household WASH kits to Nzérékoré which will be distributed by Plan Guinée. Since the beginning of the emergency, 280,000 household WASH kits have been distributed. An additional 50,000 kits have been ordered.
- The team is also distributing 22,000 long-lasting insecticide-treated mosquito nets (LLINs). A total of 6,000 nets will go to Siguiri, Kouroussa, Kissidougou, Macenta, Nzérékoré and Kindia. The other 16,000 nets will go to RTI StopPalu in support of the National Malaria Programme.
The Supply Team restocked the Friguiagbé Centre de transit communautaire (CTCom) with personal protective equipment expected to last two months.
- The team transferred 400,000 bottles of chlorine and 5,000 kg of calcium hypochlorite to the Central Pharmacy of Guinea to support good hygiene at national medical facilities.
- Supply and Logistics is prepositioning 105,000 bottles of chlorine in the Coastal Region as part of the Disease Prevention Division's contingency plan for cholera.

- The team distributed 1,650 educational pictorial flipcharts around the country – 825 in Boffa and 825 in Conakry. In addition, UNICEF supported the Ebola Communication Coordination in distributing 11,500 flipcharts in Coyah, Dubréka, Forécariah and Conakry.
- Eleven Land Cruisers have arrived in Conakry and will be handed over to the National Coordination for the Ebola Response.
- UNICEF procured 1.5 million doses of the measles vaccine. These were delivered to the Expanded Programme on Immunization for the upcoming vaccination campaign.
- Technical assistance: UNICEF participated in a Ministry of Health workshop in Kindia to plan the development of the national health sector for the next 10 years. UNICEF will help with the ministry strengthen the national supply chain.

Media and External Communications

UNICEF is informing its audiences through regular press releases and social media posts, in English and French. UNICEF Guinea frequently posts updates about the emergency and its response on Twitter, Facebook, Flickr and Tumblr pages.

International media coverage

- Spanish newspaper El Mundo published a story about a man who took in his six orphan nieces.
[Las familias dan un paso adelante por los niños huérfanos por el ébola](#)

Local media coverage

- UNICEF participated in a mass sensitization rally about Ebola at the University of Kankan.
[Rencontre à l'Université de Kankan](#)
- UNICEF met Ebola widows, orphans and survivors in Forécariah.
[Les survivants d'Ebola solidaires](#)
- Religious leaders carried out Ebola sensitization, urging the faithful to avoid shaking hands and embracing and to wash their regularly with soap and water.
[Les religieux intensifient la sensibilisation contre Ebola](#)

Funding

This week, UNICEF received an USAID/OFDA grant of USD 5,000,400. This grant will support the National Strategy by promoting good hygiene practices by large scale provision of hygiene supply targeted at health care facilities, households, and high risk public places, and encourage safer, protective environment and psychosocial support for children, orphans, vulnerable communities/families.

Funding Requirements until June 2015, as defined in Humanitarian Appeal revised in Dec 2014					
Appeal Sector	Original Ebola Requirements (USD)	Revised Ebola Requirements (USD)	Funds received (USD)	Funding gap	
				\$	%
C4D/Social Mobilization	12,533,400	15,307,000	16,036,056	-729,056	-0.78%
Nutrition	3,121,200	5,100,000	2,000,000	3,100,000	3.32%
Health + HIV/AIDS + ECCC's	16,699,500	35,233,000	32,876,537	2,356,463	2.52%
WASH	18,343,800	15,639,000	14,286,114	1,352,886	1.45%
Child Protection	1,345,000	6,620,000	6,159,860	460,140	0.49%
Education	489,013	8,869,000	7,338,062	1,530,938	1.64%
Cross Sectorial	2,599,353	6,746,000	6,441,373	304,627	0.33%
Total	55,130,866	93,514,000	84,241,982	9,272,018	8.96%

Programme Results

UNICEF and Pillar/Sector Results for EVD response (01/04/2015)				
Indicators	Pillar / Sector		UNICEF	
	Target	Results	Target	Results
Percentage of EVD cases with onset in the past week	0%	2%	0%	N/A*
COMMUNICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT				
Percentage of prefectural Social Mobilization Taskforces (SMT) reporting on the dashboard each week	100% (38/38)	100% (38/38)	100% (38/38)	100% (38/38)
Percentage of prefectures with list of identified key religious leaders (including priests, imams, pastors, tribal leaders) or community groups who promote safe funeral and burial practices according to standard guidelines	100%	100% (38/38)	100% (38/38)	100% (38/38)
Number of CWCs established and functional	2,935	1,869 (64%)	1,400	1,400 (100%)
Percentage of sub-prefectures with at least one security incident or other form of refusal to cooperate in past week	0%	1% (5/342)	0%	(same as Pillar/sector)
HEALTH (CCCs/CTComs)				
Percentage of Community Care Centres (CCC) established after a community dialogue process aligned with Global SOPs or according to norms established in country	100%	100% (7/7)	100%	100% (7/7)
Percentage of patients who present at a CCC within 48 hours of becoming ill with any symptoms that could be EVD	100%	1/1 (100%)	100%	1/1 (100%)
Percentage of Community Care Centres functional against target set for the current reporting period	100% (10/10)	30% (3/10)	100% (10/10)	30% (3/10)
Percentage of patients admitted to CCCs with a provisional diagnosis of possible EVD who receive a confirmatory positive or negative test (rapid or laboratory test) within 36 hours of admission to treatment facility	100%	1/1 (100%)	100%	1/1 (100%)
NUTRITION				
Children 6-59 months screened for SAM and referred for treatment	7,250	539	7,250	539
WASH				
Percentage of all Ebola community treatment and holding centres with essential WASH services	100%	100%	100%	100%
Percentage of people in EVD-affected areas receiving essential WASH services	100%	57%	75%	34%
People benefiting from hygiene kits in Ebola affected areas	4,666,667	2,638,923	3,500,000	1,599,619
Children benefiting from hand washing facilities at schools in Ebola affected areas	1,044,000	2,530,000	783,000	1,467,000
Non-Ebola health centres in Ebola-affected areas provided with hand washing station	800	187	600	115
PROTECTION				
Percentage of EVD-affected children provided with care and support, including psychosocial support	70%	54% (64,428/120,000)	70%	54% (64,428/120,000)
Percentage of children who have lost one or both parents/caregivers or who are separated from their parents/caregivers reintegrated with their families or provided with appropriate alternative care.	70%	91% (5,457/6,000)	70%	91% (5,457/6,000)
EDUCATION				
Reopened schools in Ebola-affected district equipped with a minimum package for Ebola prevention	8,929	12,455	3,843	7,176
Teachers trained on psycho social support, Ebola prevention, and safe and protective learning environments	82,168	80,657	15,941	15,941

* N/A = Not Applicable

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